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1. PRESS REPORTS YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) IN TO VIMA, TA NEA, AND ELEFTHERTOTYPIA, CRITICIZED THE U.S. FOR ALLEGEDLY FAILING TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOG IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN GREECE. SPECIFICALLY, THEY CLAIMED THAT THE TWO THOUSAND DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE GOG BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAD NO RELEVANCE FOR THE INVESTIGATION, AND THAT THE U.S. SUPPOSEDLY REFUSED TO GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESPITE TWO TRIPS TO WASHINGTON BY GOG JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES. TO VIMA INDICATED THAT THE ONLY INCRIMINATING DATE TO DATE IS THE STATEMENT BY A FORMER LOCKHEED OFFICIAL, MR. HOUSER, WHO MAINTAINS THAT GREEK OFFICIALS RECEIVED AROUND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN BRIBES. ABOUT A WEEK AGO GEORGE MAVROS, PRESIDENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY, THE UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER, ALSO CLAIMED IN PARLIAMENT THAT THE LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION WAS NOT ADVANCING SATISFACTORILY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 9, WHICH HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY TODAY'S
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NEWSPAPERS, A RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE EARLIER

PRESS REPORTS, CLAIMING THE USG HAD REFUSED TO GIVE THE GOG
RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCKHEED'S ALLEGED PAYOFF
ACTIVITIES IN GREECE, WERE INCORRECT. ACCORDING TO THIS
"SOURCE", AFTER RECEIPT OF THE 2000 DOCUMENTS FROM THE USG,
THE RESPONSIBLE GREEK INVESTIGATOR REQUESTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION
FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING CERTAIN ONES. THE SOURCE
ADDED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DELAY IN THE INVESTIGATION -
APART FROM THE REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE USG - AND
THAT THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

3. NOTE: LOCKHEED IS PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. PAVILION
IN THE THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR. A PRESS BRIEFING WAS
HELD AT THE U.S. PAVILION ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND THE SUBJECT
OF LOCKHEED WAS NOT BROUGHT UP BY REPORTERS PRESENT. THERE HAVE
BEEN NO INCIDENTS AT THE LOCKHEED STAND.
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